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SUBJ: OLYMPIC-TYPE SPORT STADIUM AGAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION

1. EMBOFFS HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES THAT GOK IS AGAIN RESURRECTING PLANS TO BUILD A LARGE SPORTS-COMPLEX HERE. ORIGINALLY KUWAIT HELD A DESIGN COMPETITION IN THE LATE 1960'S FOR SUCH A PROJECT AND SELECTED DR TANGE, A JAPANESE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM'S, DESIGN. HOWEVER, LATER IT WAS DECIDED THAT COST OF SUCH PROJECT WAS PROHIBITIVE AND THE DESIGN HCHASE SINCE BEEN GATHERING DUST.

2. WITH LARGE INCREASE IN REVENUES GOK SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED TO INITIATE ACTION ON THIS PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT UTILIZE TANGE'S DESIGN AND WILL INSTEAD ISSUE INVITATIONS AGAIN TO DESIGN FIRMS TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR THE STADIUM.

3. ORIGINALLY, SEVERAL US FIRMS COMPETED FOR THIS PROJECT INCLUDING WELSON/CRAIN/ANDERSON/REYNOLDS. RALPH ANDERSON, JR A PARTNER OF THIS FIRM WAS RECENTLY IN KUWAIT AND IS AWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. IN ANY CASE KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD WILL DECIDE WHICH COMPANIES WILL RECEIVE INVITATIONS, AND THERE IS LITTLE US COMPANIES CAN DO TO RECEIVE INVITATIONS FROM PLANNING BOARD, BESIDES INSURING THEY ARE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH CONCERNED GOK OFFICIALS. WE SHALL
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REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS.

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